

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 752

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Clay Crowder on receiving the Tennessee Hospital Association Meritorious Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Clay Crowder who was recently named the recipient of the Tennessee Hospital Association's Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding contributions to Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a retired Blount Memorial Hospital pediatrician, Dr. Clay Crowder was recognized for his commitment to the medically underserved and uninsured children of Blount County and for his medical leadership at the Blount Memorial Good Samaritan Clinic, as well as for the impact he had on the overall health of the community during his 40-year career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crowder prepared and continually updated a pediatric manual for the Good Samaritan Clinic, which continues to serve as a guide and foundation for patient care in the clinic; and

WHEREAS, ever an advocate for the patient, Dr. Crowder consistently sought new knowledge for the benefit of his patients and took a common sense approach to medicine, which benefited everyone; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Crowder's illustrious career as an active medical staff member at Blount Memorial, he served as chief of the pediatric department from 1969 to 1972, and again from 1984 to 1986; he lent his considerable professional talents to the audit committee, the credentials committee, and the ethics committee, as well as holding the post of chairman of the ad hoc committee for the study of psychiatric services; and

WHEREAS, he served simultaneously as secretary of the medical executive committee and medical staff secretary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Crowder's extraordinary career has included professional positions that have varied between private and group practices, and he has specialized in behavior problems in children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, while serving as an instructor in clinical pediatrics, Dr. Crowder also served as director of the East Tennessee Crippled Children's Seizure Clinic; and

WHEREAS, respected for his wisdom and experience, Dr. Crowder has also lent his considerable talents to numerous medical organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Blount County Medical Society, and the East Tennessee Pediatric Society, while also serving as a medical consultant for TENNderCARE, Child and Family Services in Blount and Knox counties, and the Gestalt Center South in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Clay Crowder for his dedication to Blount Memorial Hospital and the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Clay Crowder on receiving the Tennessee Hospital Association Meritorious Service Award, salute his commendable service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.